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THE CTRW LEADER

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President's Pen

Fall is in the Air, and the energy is high! Can you feel fall in the air? After our very successful 32nd Annual Chili Lunch Fundraiser, Central Texas Republican Women's energy and enthusiasm remain high as Early Voting is well underway!

Have you voted? Friends, Election Day is November 3rd, and every vote matters. This is not the time to sit on the sidelines or assume your vote won't make a difference. **IT MATTERS!** Take time to review your ballot, learn about every race, and make your voice heard at the polls. While out in the community and visiting polling locations, I've heard from Republicans who have expressed concerns about certain nominees on the ballot. I understand that not everyone agrees on every candidate or issue. That is part of the political process. Our primary elections earlier in the year gave voters a chance to evaluate candidates, debate ideas, and help shape our party's future direction. Whatever our differences and the outcome, we share a responsibility to be **'One Party – One Mission' on November 3rd.**

So, what happens after the election? If our candidates win, what's next? If they lose, what's next? November 3rd is not the finish line for the Club's engagement. It is simply the next chapter. The answer to both questions is the same: We stay engaged! We continue working for Texas and our local communities. We hold elected officials accountable for their promises, pay attention to their actions—and their inaction—and stay informed about the decisions affecting our faith, freedoms, families, schools, and communities.

The Club has a mission to educate, encourage, and engage future leaders, identify potential candidates for upcoming elections, and prepare for the 2027 Texas Legislative Session.

Our work doesn't end when we count the ballots. Leadership, accountability, and community engagement are year-round responsibilities. **Central Texas Republican Women will continue to lead in 2027! We need YOU** to keep bringing your energy, talents, ideas, and enthusiasm to this remarkable Club. Keep inviting friends and neighbors to discover what makes CTRW such a special community of women and men who lead, serve, and make a difference.

The Annual Chili Lunch was another wonderful example of that spirit, as we welcomed an enthusiastic crowd to a day filled with fellowship, fun, and fundraising. Thank you to everyone who helped make this annual tradition such a success!

As we move into the final months of 2026, there is still much to look forward to! November brings a very special Veterans **250th Quilts of Valor** presentation, honoring those who have served our great nation. This is a program you won't want to miss. And on December 12th, we'll wrap up another extraordinary year with our **CTRW Christmas Party and 2027 Installation of Officers.** What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate friendships, recognize dedicated leadership, and welcome a new chapter for our Club!

Friends, I am grateful for each of you and the many ways you continue to serve. Your commitment, relationships, and willingness to show up make Central Texas Republican Women exceptional. Let's finish 2026 strong, celebrate all we've accomplished, and carry that same spirit of service and leadership into 2027! **Faith. Family. Freedom. And a whole lot of Texas heart!**

Janet Brown, CTRW President

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1st Vice President of Programs, Heather Bounds

CONVICTION REQUIRES ACTION

As we approach another election, I find myself reflecting on something that has been a recurring theme in my recent articles: conviction is not simply what we believe. It is how we choose to live, lead, and participate in the world around us. We spend a great deal of time discussing national politics. We watch the headlines, follow the debates, and consider the direction of our country. Yet some of the decisions that most directly affect our daily lives are made much closer to home.

Our county officials, judges, state legislators, and local elected leaders make decisions that influence our communities, our property, our schools, and the future we leave to the next generation. These offices deserve our attention just as much as those at the top of the ballot. Throughout this year, I have written about leadership, personal responsibility, and the importance of standing firmly in our convictions while extending grace to others. Those principles are just as relevant when we enter the voting booth.

We cannot spend months discussing the issues that matter to us, expressing concern for the direction of our communities, and encouraging others to become involved, only to allow Election Day to pass without participating ourselves. Showing up matters. Every election. Every level of government. Every office on the ballot. For those of us who value faith, family, freedom, limited government, and personal accountability, civic participation is an opportunity to put those principles into practice. It means taking the time to understand the candidates, their records, and the responsibilities of the offices they seek.

The women of Central Texas Republican Women understand the value of service. We give our time, share our knowledge, support our communities, and invest ourselves in causes larger than any one individual. That commitment to civic engagement is something worth carrying with us into every election.

Scripture reminds us in James 2:17 (NIV), “faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” That verse has always reminded me that believing in something carries a responsibility to act upon it.

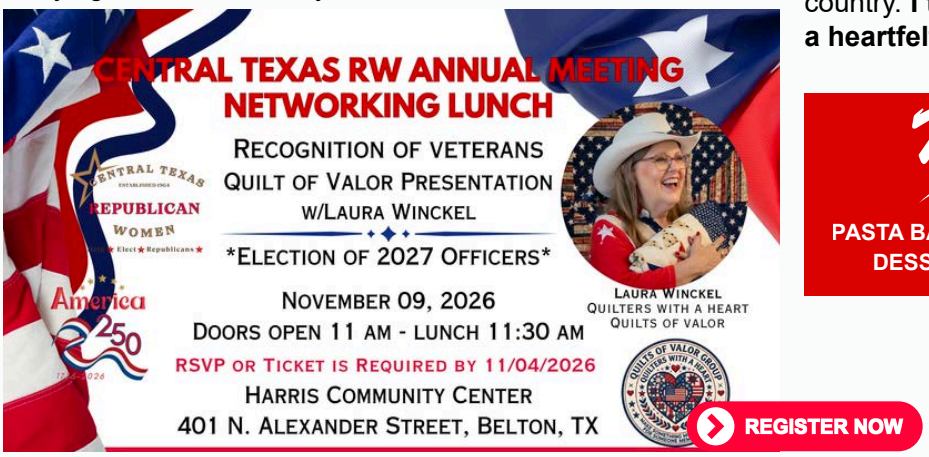
Early voting began Monday, October 19, and I want to personally encourage each of you to make your voice heard. We all have busy lives, families, careers, and responsibilities competing for our time. But this is one responsibility we must make a priority.

Think about why you became involved in CTRW in the first place. Think about the values you hold dear, the community you love, and the future you want for your children and grandchildren. Those things deserve more than our concern. They deserve our time, our attention, and our participation. Make your plan. Know your ballot. Take a friend, call a neighbor, and encourage those around you to exercise their right to vote. We have spent this year showing up for our communities, supporting causes we believe in, and investing our time in something greater than ourselves.

Now is the time to put that commitment into action. Don’t leave your voice unheard. Don’t assume someone else will show up in your place. Make the time, make the effort, and make your vote count. Our convictions deserve more than our words. They deserve our action. **SHOW UP AND VOTE!**

I hope you’ll make plans to join us on November 9th as we welcome a very special guest, Laura Winckel, Group Leader of Quilters With a Heart in Killeen, part of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. As a military wife of nearly 50 years, Laura knows firsthand the sacrifices made by our service members and their families. For the past 15 years, she has poured her heart into honoring veterans and active-duty military members through the beautiful gift of handmade quilts. With Veterans Day just two days away, I cannot think of a more meaningful way for us to come together, share in the spirit of gratitude, and honor those who have given so much for our country. **I truly hope you’ll join us for what promises to be a heartfelt and memorable gathering!**

RWsLEAD! - Heather Bounds



Menu

PASTA BAR, TOSSED SALAD, ROLL, DESSERT, ICED TEA, WATER

COST: MEAL: $20 Cash/Check or $22 Credit Card
NO MEAL: $10 Cash/Check or $12 Credit Card -
(No outside food is permitted)
RSVP REQUIRED by Wednesday, November 4th,
Email: rsvpctrw@gmail.com to pay at the door.



2nd Vice President Membership, Marlean Druce



2027 CTRW MEMBERSHIP

- **Primary/Associate**: $30 cash or check ($32 paid by credit card)
- **Youth:** $15 cash pr check ($17 paid by credit card). Open to ages 12-17; approval of a member or parent/guardian.
- **Student:** $25 cash or check ($27 paid by credit card). Open to ages 18-26 with school ID.
- **Diamond Circle:** $200 cash or check ($205 paid by credit card)

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GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Well, it's November AND Y'ALL ROCK! Your efforts helped us reach 125 total members for 2027 so far. I think this may be the most we've gotten by this point before. We still have a ways to go, 175 specifically, but we can do this. We're in the home stretch of midterms and the home stretch to get everyone renewed or joined by the end of this year. A CTRW membership could be a great Christmas gift for someone you know.

For just $30, you get lots of opportunities to network, learn, make new friends, get involved in the community, and enjoy fun social events. What a deal!! I know there are newly retired folks out there looking for something to do so they can stay involved and keep busy. You know some do, too. Tell them about CTRW. Your efforts are so appreciated. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and I hope you all enjoy time with your family and loved ones. (And if politics comes up, toss in some CTRW info- why not?)

NFRW Membership Initiative: Women of Influence. All CTRW members are encouraged to participate. This initiative encourages everyone to recruit and invite new members.

And there are fabulous prizes! The top NINE recruiters will receive complimentary registration for the 2027 Biennial Convention in Grapevine, an exclusive VIP ticket to the Regents event, reserved seating at the Saturday luncheon, and much more! From those top nine Women of Influence, one will be named the Nora Kearns National Champion with national recognition and more prizes! Interested?

For more information, log on to NFRW.ORG, click the Members tab, and select Women of Influence. The challenge runs from July 5, 2026, to July 4, 2027. Together, let's make CTRW and Texas the largest state recruiter!

TOGETHER WE WIN! - Marlean Druce

2026 MEMBERSHIP

223 PRIMARY MEMBERS SUPER JUMBO CLUB

+ 55 ASSOCIATE & STUDENT MEMBERS

278

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

2027 MEMBERSHIP

123 PRIMARY MEMBERS JUMBO CLUB

+21 ASSOCIATE & STUDENT MEMBERS

144

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Join the Diamond CIRCLE

CENTRAL TEXAS ESTABLISHED 1964 REPUBLICAN WOMEN

2026 = 2027 DIAMOND CIRCLE
PRIMARY or Associate Members

Jane Aguirre
Dagne Ameigh
Linda Atkins
Natalie Austin
Pamela Blair
Nancy Boston
Heather Bounds
Charles Brashear
Stephanie Brashear
Janet Brown
Kathleen Bui
Tony Canterino
Ma Teresa Castle
Ashley Clapper-Bennett
Lisa Copeland
Yolanda Cortes-Mares
Jo Dammen
Christina Demirs
Stacie Dishon
Jackeline Fountain
Elsie Hernandez
Bianca Kanaanian
Janice Mayfield
Sandra McCleney
James McNamara
Cheyenne Minick
Louanna Minick
Lori Murdoch
Annette Neeley
Nick Nelson
Raquel Nelson
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Kathy Ruiz
Austin Ruiz
Rebecca Tong
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Bob Weber
Andi Wilkey
Larry Wilkey

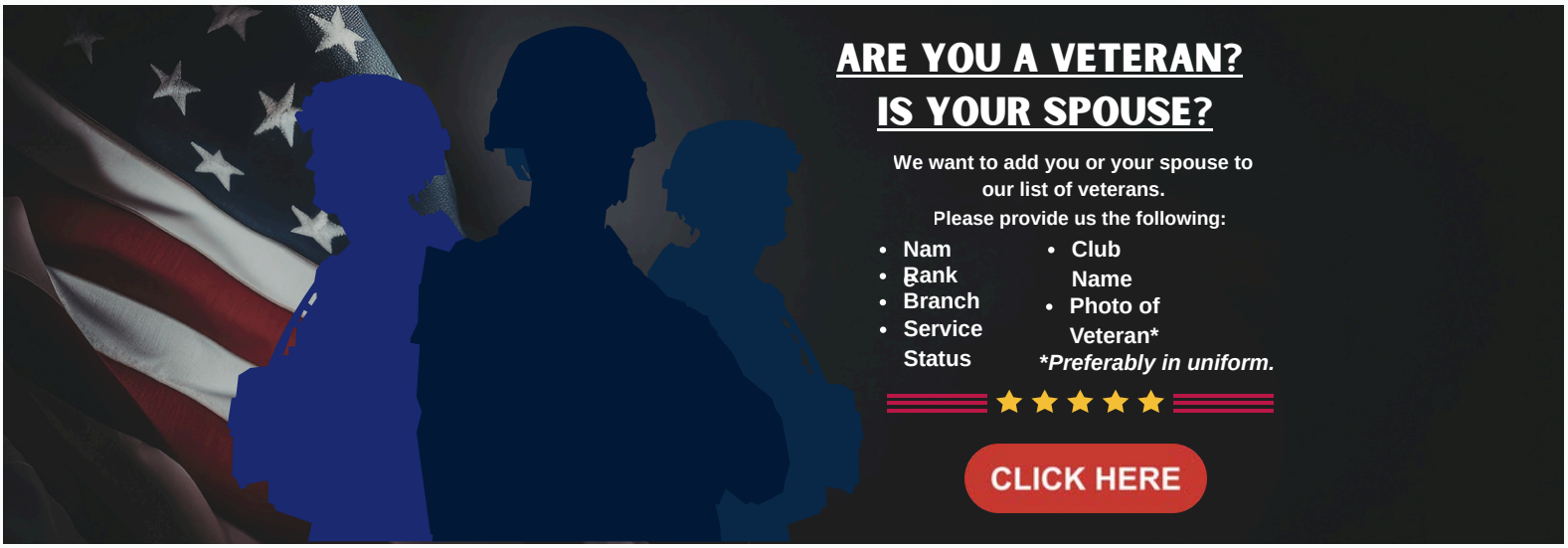
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Primary Member: Women
Associate Member: Men or a Member of Another TFRW Club
Youth Membership - 12-17 yrs
Student Membership - Student ID, 18-26 yrs
Diamond Circle - Primary or Associate

United - We Are Stronger
Join Us!





By joining CTRW, you become a member of our statewide organization, the Texas Federation of Republican Women, and our national organization, the National Federation of Republican Women.

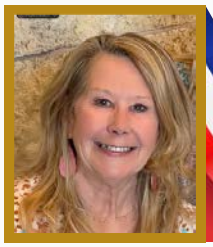
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3rd VP Fundraising, Rebecca Tong

CHILI FUNDRAISER ....AND A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

YOU DID IT! Thank you for your Support!
Once again, our members and supporters came together to make our largest fundraiser of the year a success. We sincerely appreciate everyone who made chili, brought beverages, and made delicious desserts. This year, we introduced a new judging format for our Annual Chili Challenge and People's Choice Dessert Contest, and both received positive feedback.

Thank you for your continued support of Central Texas Republican Women. The final dollar figures aren't in; however, the event was very successful.



1st Place Chili Challenge
Greg Reynolds



Best Presentation Chili Challenge
Jane Polach



People's Choice Dessert
Tracie Bunker

Our FUNdraising team has already met and has put plans into place for our **Christmas celebration on December 12th.** We look forward to seeing each of you as we conclude 2026.

Please join us on December 12th at Christ the King Catholic Church in Belton, TX, for our officer installation, dinner, and Christmas celebration. Additional information, including ticket prices and table sponsorship opportunities, is available on our Central Texas Republican Women's Facebook and Website.

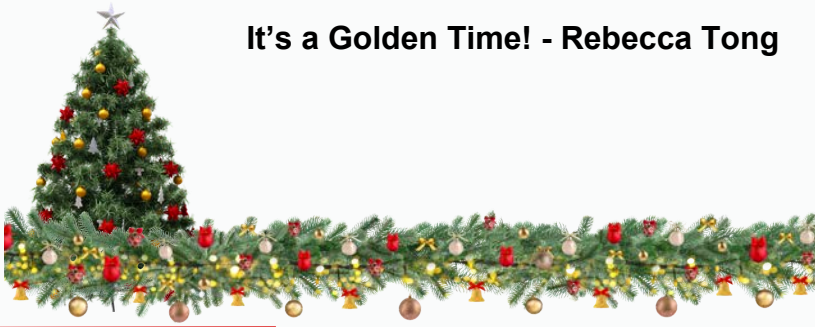


ORDER NOW

MC3 Catering will cater dinner, and DJ Brad of B Squared Lone Star Entertainment will provide musical entertainment.

If you would like to donate an item for our Silent Auction or Wine Pull, please contact me at the number listed below. If you are interested in volunteering with the FUNdraising team, please contact me at 254-760-3963. We would appreciate your support.

It's a Golden Time! - Rebecca Tong





My Why: Natalie Austin

I joined Central Texas Republican Women because I was invited to be part of a group of like-minded people. At first, that sense of community is what drew me in — finding women who shared my values and wanted to make a difference right here at home.

The longer I stayed, the more I wanted to learn. I didn't just want to have an opinion; I wanted to have an educated opinion on the real issues shaping our communities and our country. CTRW gave me that opportunity.

Through our meetings and events, I've had the chance to meet our local representatives, hear directly from candidates, and better understand the political process and how our local elections truly work. It's one thing to read about politics, it's another to sit across from the people serving our community and ask questions. That education has been invaluable.

I've always been someone who loves to learn and loves to be useful — to roll up my sleeves and fulfill the tasks that need to be done. So serving on the Board of Directors felt like the obvious next step. I wanted to do more than just attend; I wanted to contribute.



Natalie surrounded by fellow CTRWs at our January Networking Luncheon.

But more than any role or lesson, what has kept me here is the people. In the end, I have just genuinely enjoyed spending time with and helping such a wonderful group of women. They are encouraging, hardworking, and dedicated to serving others, and I'm proud to be part of it. This is my why.

Be part of the "My Why" series and share your story. Please let us know at contactctrw@gmail.com **What's Your Why?**

Happiest of Birthdays ~ November

Marta Jones 11/1
Richard Briggs Jr. 11/2
Rebecca Tong 11/3
Allen Barrow 11/3
Buddy Schwab 11/4
Lacey Martindale 11/8
Dagne Ameigh 11/9
Roy Vajdak 11/10
Deborah Garrett 11/12
Betty Murdock 11/12
Susan Birchfield 11/13
Reagan Keith 11/13
Candy Coley 11/14
Jocie Copeland 11/14
Nicholas Nelson 11/14
Olga Lasher 11/15
Mel Pierson 11/16
Janice Mayfield 11/17
Rosalie Sumner 11/21
Jackie McLaughlin 11/25
Lyn Adams 11/28
Cindi Tomlin 11/29



Caring for America Chair, Kathy Ruiz

CARING AT CHRISTMAS

My dear CTRW family, as we approach this season of thanksgiving, I count you among my many blessings. Time after time, you answered the call to devote your prayers, time, and resources to support those in need in our community. **The staff at the Armed Services YMCA food bank (ASYMCA) was overwhelmed by the amount of food collected at our September meeting. Thank you, thank you, thank you.** Your loving hearts and generosity exemplify true compassion, and your willingness to serve as the hands and feet of Christ. The impact you have on others' lives is immeasurable and deeply appreciated.

Jeffrey's Tree and JT Thrift have also experienced firsthand the measure of your generosity. A big thank you to Janet Brown, Marlean Druce and Linda Atkins for donating clothing and other items to be resold at the thrift shop, and to Bill Webster of A Classic Roofing, LLC for arranging for repairs to their signage free of charge. His efforts and generosity saved them from hefty city of Temple fines. Here is a message I received from Dagne:

"Our partnership with CTRW has been a blessing beyond words. It takes a village to serve the less fortunate children in Central Texas, and we could not do it without the CTRW village." Dagne Ameigh

You make a difference in the lives of children throughout Central Texas. With the Christmas season approaching, Jeffrey's Tree needs new, unwrapped children's toys; male and female toiletry/hygiene kits for teens; warm blankets; mittens; knit caps; or clothing items to fill "Christmas Wish Lists" for delivery by December 12th.

Please bring your donations to our November 9th meeting or call me to arrange for pickup and delivery. Monetary contributions payable to Jeffrey's Tree are also welcome. You can also drop off gently used clothing, furniture, toys, household goods, etc. Drop-off is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are located at 108 S. Main Street in Temple. Also, volunteers are needed to pack Christtmas boxes. Sign up at the link.

Let's fill the **RED wagon** one more time and make some Christmas wishes come true for underprivileged children in our community. As always, I am so proud to serve alongside you. Happy Thanksgiving and KEEP TEXAS RED!

CTRW Cares for America - Kathy Ruiz

JEFFREY'S TREE INC.
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SERVING CHILDREN IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bring unwrapped new toys to the November 9th meeting.





Community Engagement Chair, Pamela Blair

HAPPY NOVEMBER!

The crisp autumn air has started to settle over the Lone Star State—even if it is only in my mind!—and Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching. As this is a season for family, tradition, and pausing to appreciate the immense blessings in our lives, I wanted to focus our hearts on a few profound reasons to be thankful.

First and foremost, we owe endless gratitude for the privilege of living in the United States of America. I am beyond grateful that we live in a nation that recognizes our freedom to worship God as a fundamental right. I do not take for granted the privilege of openly declaring the Lord's name and living out our faith daily. To inherit the liberties, rights, and exceptional heritage of this nation is a gift we must never take for granted. At the time of this writing, the election results are still unknown. However, we find great comfort in remembering a fundamental truth: God is in control of all things. Our hope does not rest on an election outcome, but on His unchanging sovereignty.

Additionally, I must express my gratitude for our military, as many of us were brought to this area by a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to every single one of our veteran and active duty Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Guardians, and Coast Guardsmen, as well as their families, who sacrifice daily to protect our freedom.

Next, there is no place on earth quite like the Great State of Texas. Having lived in many different states, I can honestly say that we are uniquely blessed to live in a place that champions liberty, economic strength, and traditional values. Texas is a beacon of freedom, and my family and I are proud to call it home.

Last, but certainly not least, I am deeply thankful for the Central Texas Republican Women. This organization provides us with a wonderful community of faith, shared values, and strong conservative principles. Thank you all for your dedication, your activism, and your fellowship.

As you prepare for your Thanksgiving celebrations, may your homes be filled with peace, joy, and laughter. Thank you for your continued dedication to our community, our state, and our nation.

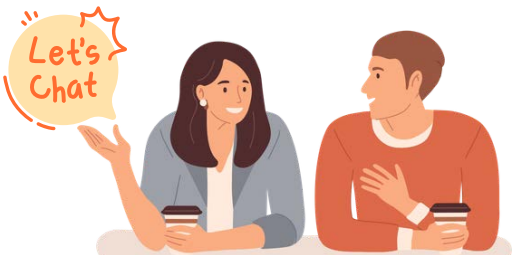
Looking forward to seeing you at our Red Roof Connections this month! God Bless you and your families, God Bless Texas, and God Bless America!

See you soon! - Pamela Blair

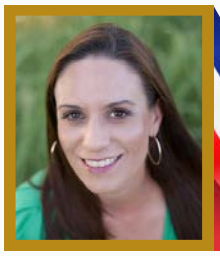
Upcoming Red Roof Events











Political Activities Chair, Christina Demirs

VOTE ..... VOTE .... VOTE .....

VOTING LOCATIONS

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3!

Early Voting ended on October 30th, and voters can now vote on November 3rd at polling locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please plan to vote on Election Day. Voter turnout is critical!

Throughout this election season, CTRW members have dedicated countless hours to supporting Republican candidates. **Thank you to everyone who knocked on doors, made calls, sent text messages, worked the polls, and participated in other political activities.** Our third-quarter and cumulative hours and call totals reflect your hard work and dedication. Great job, CTRW!

Although the election season is coming to a close, our work continues. With the legislative session approaching quickly, you'll have more opportunities to stay engaged and support our elected representatives. Keep tracking those hours and calls!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at (512) 636-1761 or ctrwcampaign@gmail.com

CTRW LEADS! - Christina Demirs



Speaker Dustin Burrows Rally





Here are your 2026 Third Quarter Totals:

3rd Q - Most Hours:	Zenia Warren 1484
3rd Q - Most Calls:	Zenia Warren 742
Total for 3rd Quarter Hours:	34,824
Total for 3rd Quarter Calls:	4009
Cumulative 2026 Hours:	115,820
Cumulative 2026 Calls:	15,589

Keep It Up!

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

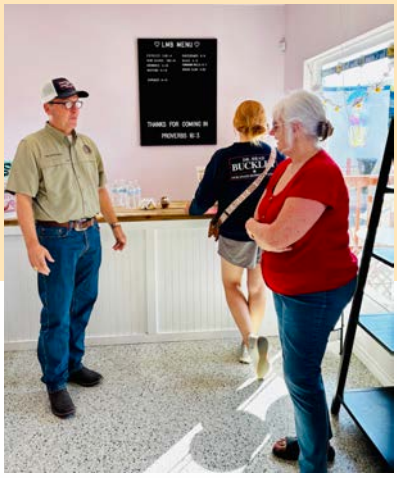
VOTE 2026 MIDTERM ELECTION DATES

OCT 5	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION
OCT 19	FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING
OCT 23	LAST DAY FOR VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED
OCT 30	LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING
NOV 3	ELECTION DAY! LAST DAY FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS TO BE RECEIVED

YOU ARE HERE.

All month, the Club and its members have been working to **Help Elect Republicans** through various Days of Action, including block walking for **Representative Brad Buckley**. Every personal interaction has made a positive difference as Election Day approaches.









Political Day of Action for Candidates





Text & Tea was a wonderful Saturday afternoon *Day of Action* at the local Belton Ruby Tearoom. Club members enjoyed a Cream Tea with scones, fruit, and macaroons at this fun event hosted by **Representative Hillary Hickland**. Using the Abbott Impact App, the team sent out texts for Early Voting. We also celebrated her birthday, a special day for everyone!











Chaplain, Rebecca Tong

TRUST THE LORD

Election season is here, and we need to remember to trust the Lord, not man or the world.

In the New Testament, the term "world" can carry several meanings. It may refer to the created earth, to humanity, or to the value system that stands apart from God's purposes. When Scripture instructs believers not to love the world (1 John 2:15), it is not telling us not to care for creation or not to have compassion for people made in God's image. Rather, it cautions against adopting values and priorities that lead away from faith, integrity, humility, and service. We must follow God's commandments first and foremost, then the laws of man that do not conflict with His Word. As we consider civic responsibilities such as voting, we can approach them with discernment, respect for others, and confidence that God remains sovereign.

"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except from God, and those that do exist are established by God. Therefore, whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves."Romans 13:1-2

Today, give thanks that God has welcomed you into a Kingdom defined by love, purpose, and faithful devotion. Speak truth, seek wisdom, and offer up love instead of hate.

May our engagement with the world reflect wisdom, grace, and unwavering allegiance to the values of God's Kingdom.

Your Servant in Christ - Rebecca Tong



MARK YOUR CTRW CALENDARS

November

America 250 1776-2026

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Oct 30	Early Voting Ends
Nov 3	Election Day
Nov 5	CTRW Executive Mtg, noon, Bell County Courthouse, Belton
Nov 9	CTRW Annual Mtg & Veterans Commemorative Lunch, Belton
Nov 10	CTRW RED Roof Coffee Connections, CHIC French Bakery, Killeen, TX
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 12	CTRW Tour - Georgetown Field of Honor, Georgetown, TX
Nov 24	CTRW Cocktails & Conversation, 17 South, Temple, TX
Dec 3	CTRW Executive Mtg, Deadfish Grill, Belton, TX
Dec 12	CTRW Installation & Christmas Party, Belton, TX

Election Watch Parties & Thank-You









Americanism Chair, Natalie Austin

November, A Month Rich in American Histroy

November is a time to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who answered our nation's call to serve, especially the veterans within our own CTRW.

In 1948, women gained the opportunity to serve permanently in the regular Armed Forces.

Quilts of Valor: Stitched with Gratitude
Founded in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, whose son served in Iraq, Quilts of Valor began with a vision of wrapping service members touched by war in comfort and healing.
At our November 9 luncheon at 11:00 a.m., we will proudly present six Quilts of Valor to veterans from our own CTRW membership! Please join us!

Wreaths for Vets: 20 Years of Remembrance!
What began in 2006, when Jean Shine started honoring every veteran buried at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, has grown into a beloved community tradition. Celebrating 20 years in 2026, Wreaths for Vets brings volunteers together annually. Last year, volunteers placed approximately 17,000 wreaths! More information: wreathsforvets.org

Nov. 2, 1920: Women voted in their first nationwide presidential election following the 19th Amendment.
Nov. 10, 1775: The Continental Marines were established, marking the Marine Corps' birth.
Nov. 11, 1918: World War I fighting ended, inspiring Armistice Day, renamed Veterans Day in 1954.
Nov. 19, 1863: Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, reaffirming our nation's founding ideals.

As we reflect on the history and sacrifices that have shaped our nation, may we remember that honoring our veterans goes beyond words. Through our gratitude, service, and remembrance, we can ensure their legacy lives on for generations to come. Their service deserves our gratitude. Their sacrifices deserve our remembrance. God bless our veterans!

Wishing you a warm, grateful, and patriotic fall.
God bless America - Natalie Austin

Let's Honor Our Heroes Together! - Wreaths for Vets

Join your fellow CTRW members in this meaningful tradition! Contact Natalie Austin at 254-289-7725 to volunteer.

- **Nov. 21**: Wreath Preparation — Killeen Special Events Center @ 10AM
- **Nov. 28**: Wreath Laying — Veterans Cemetery @ 10AM

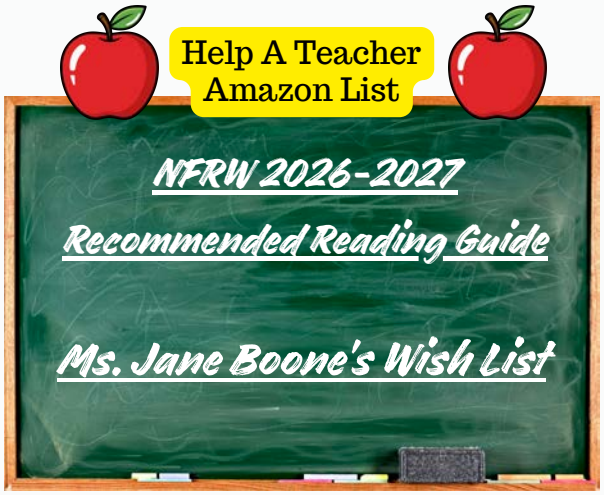




Literacy Chair, Linda Atkins

LITERACY AND EDUCATION FOR TEXAS'S FUTURE

President Janet Brown and I were privileged to attend Ms. Jane Pollock's kindergarten class and leave books purchased by Central Texas Republican Women. We had very fidgety children anxious to hear our stories. What an inspiration to be in a class of five-year-olds and have them behave well and listen.





Book Delivery by CTRW President Janet Brown and Literacy Chair Linda Atkins to the James Burrell Elementary School, A fun morning reading Rhyming Stories in Ms. Boone's Class



Legislative & State Board of Education

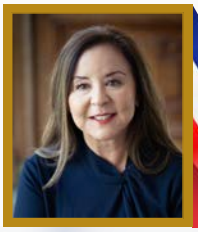
Tom Maynard recently spoke about what the State Board of Education is doing for Texas. 5.5 million children are enrolled in our public schools. And 1 in 5 does not speak English. What a challenge for teachers; they definitely have to love what they do and want to make the world a better place through education.

This year, the State Board of Education made it mandatory for 2026-2027 ninth graders to take a Personal Financial Literacy class. Social Studies has been, shall we say, improved to be pro-Western civilization (not WOKE). The future looks brighter for all of us when our children have what it takes to be successful.



Tom Maynard, SBOE District 10

State Board of Education
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Legislative Chair, Louanna Barbosa Minick

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 90TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

"As Ronald Reagan famously said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." With Texans heading to the polls on November 3, 2026, the work of self-government does not end on Election Day. Instead, attention will soon turn to Austin, where the 90th Texas Legislature will convene on January 12, 2027, to debate policies, set budget priorities, and make decisions that will shape the future of Texas.

The Legislature will meet for its constitutionally mandated 140-day regular session, which runs through May 31, 2027. During that time, lawmakers will adopt the state budget and consider legislation affecting public safety, education, healthcare, infrastructure, energy, and communities across Texas.

Key Legislative Dates

- November 9, 2026: Bill pre-filing begins
- January 12, 2027: First day of the 90th Legislative Session (convenes at noon)
- March 12, 2027: Deadline for filing bills
- May 31, 2027: Sine die, the final day of the regular session

Major Issues and Priorities

County election officials still play a central role, because they are the ones who investigate local voter-registration questions and handle local election procedures. But they do not do that work alone. The Secretary of State provides statewide guidance, data, and oversight so counties can apply the law consistently. Schatzline's work complements that effort by helping ensure the Governor's Office is looking ahead to the next set of reforms needed to protect the vote.

State Budget and Spending

Budget deliberations will begin with a directive from Governor Greg Abbott, House Speaker Dustin Burrows, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick asking state agencies, public universities, and appellate courts to reduce their upcoming budget requests by 3 percent. These discussions will help establish funding priorities for the next biennium.

Property Taxes and Public Education

Lawmakers are expected to revisit property tax relief measures, consider additional homestead exemption proposals, examine public school funding formulas, and address challenges associated with declining student enrollment.

Healthcare Policy

Healthcare legislation will likely focus on affordability, hospital funding mechanisms, medical liability laws, and charity care policies.

Infrastructure and Energy

Texas leaders are expected to consider proposals that address electric grid reliability, transmission capacity, data center growth, transportation infrastructure, and the workforce development needed to support the state's continued economic expansion.

The Legislative Process

The legislative process begins when members of the Texas House and Senate file bills proposing new laws or changes to existing statutes. Bills must be referred to committees, held in committee hearings, approved by committees, and passed by both chambers before being sent to the Governor for consideration.

While thousands of bills are filed each session, only a fraction become law. During the 89th Texas Legislature, lawmakers filed 8,719 bills, but only 1,208 were ultimately enacted, illustrating the extensive review, debate, and consensus-building required for legislation to advance.

As newly elected officials take office following the November 3 election, the 90th Legislative Session will become the primary forum for shaping Texas policy, setting funding priorities, and determining the direction of state government for the next two years

May God Bless our very own State Representatives, Hillary Hickland and Brad Buckley. May God Bless our Governor!

God Bless Texas! - Louanna Barbosa Minick



From the Official's Desk: The Honorable Greg Abbott Office of Texas Governor

Governor Abbott Announces $40 Million to Strengthen The Texas Teacher Workforce

October 26, 2026 | Austin, Texas |

Governor Greg Abbott today announced $40 million to 411 Texas school systems through the Preparing and Retaining Educators through Partnerships (PREP) Program Allotment. This funding will strengthen teacher recruitment, preparation and mentorship, and bolster Texas' teacher workforce.

"Texas educators shape future generations, and it is critical that they enter the classroom ready to succeed," said Governor Abbott. "This investment empowers schools and builds on Texas' efforts to ensure that every student has access to a high-quality education."

"Strong teachers are the foundation of student success, and the PREP Allotment gives Texas school systems the resources to build a stronger educator pipeline," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath. "This investment will help districts recruit talented candidates, provide meaningful preparation and mentorship, and support more educators as they begin their careers."

Established by House Bill 2, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, and signed into law by Governor Abbott in June 2025, the PREP Program Allotment is part of Texas' historic investment in public education and the educator workforce. House Bill 2 provided a record $8.5 billion in new public education funding, including significant investments to support teachers and strengthen the educator pipeline.

For more information and a complete list of participating districts, visit the Texas Education Agency's PREP Allotment webpage.

TRAVEL CTRW Exclusive Day Trip – November 12th, Thursday

Join Central Texas RW President Janet Brown for a fun day of great food, conversation, and shopping, including a few of Linda Atkins' favorite thrift shops at Georgetown Square. Plus, visit the 2000 Flags Field of Honor to remember our veterans.

Field of Honor — Flags of Gratitude: Be surrounded by 2000 full-size American flags, each one honoring a veteran who served our country. Take a moment to reflect, remember, and celebrate the men and women behind the flags.

This small bus adventure offers fun, relaxation, and great girl time as we celebrate wins, friendship, and lots of fun.



Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the 9 a.m. bus departure. **Call The Perfect Day Getaway at 512-796-1281 to join the fun. $79;** lunch at the famous Wildfire Restaurant is not included. Or click the link to join.

SIGN UP →

A Look Back on October

Congressional Veteran Commendation Ceremony for CTRW members Zenia Warren and Dana Wall. The SD24 Central Texas community gathered at Temple College to honor and celebrate a full list of Veterans at this annual event hosted by Congressman John Carter. Representative Hillary Hickland, CTRW President Janet Brown, TFRW President Jill Tate, and other TFRW members traveled to celebrate the recipients.















The **CTRW RED Roof Coffee Connections at Caffe Luna in Harker Heights** was a good time with fellow patriots. Sharing coffee, smiles, and connecting the generations of Republican women is what it's all about, and exactly what we had! If you missed this event, no worries. There's more to come and you are invited to each one. It was wonderful connecting with Commissioner Bobby Whitson, who shared updates on Bell County.











A fun sold-out evening as Central Texas RW members gathered to support the **Republican Roundup** hosted in Round Rock, TX. The Club sponsored a table at the fundraiser with featured guest speaker and comedian, Katie Hopkins. Congratulations to the 4 TFRW Clubs for hosting a fun event.





CTRW Club Caring for America projects led by Chair, Kathy Ruiz. delivered food donated by members for Veterans and Military families at the local Armed Services YMCA. And, delivery of donated clothing to Jeffrey's Tree Thrift Store in downtown Temple.

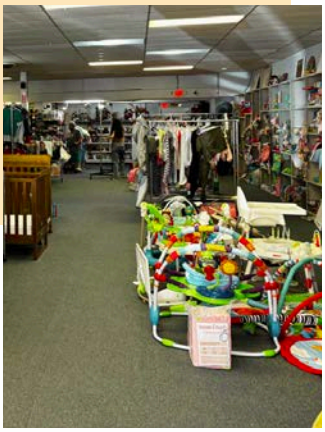












Fun and delicious food ruled the day at the **Central Texas RW 32nd Annual Chili Lunch** with a capacity crowd was a success. This year's event included a Chili and a People's Choice Dessert Challenge with a trophy & bragging rights. Guest speakers included Patty Sheets, wife of Nate Sheets, who is the candidate for Agriculture Commissioner, and Congressman Pete Sessions, CD-17.



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Tanya Tucker flew in by helicopter to host a **rally the vote** event at the famous Oscar Store Team Brad Buckley at the famous Oscar Store.







Get out the Vote Rallies Across Bell County

Governor Greg Abbott always brings the fire, and his Get Out the Vote rally stopped in Temple, TX, at the famous Clem Mikeska's crowd was energized. CTRW members were part of a capacity crowd of over 200.









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Annual Meeting Reminder
November 9, 2026

2027 Nominations Committee Report by Chairwoman Marlean Druce

- The Nominating Committee was elected at the Central Texas RW Luncheon on September 21, 2026.
- They met on September 21st, and Marlean Druce was elected Chairwoman by the Committee members.
- Committee members present were Marlean Druce, Marilyn Beasley, Joyce Damon, Natalie Austin, and Heather Bounds; absent were Rebecca Tong & Raquel Nelson. This Committee had a final meeting on September 27, 2026, and recommends that the following Primary CTRW Members be considered for the 2027 Slate of Central Texas RW Executive Officers:

All have agreed to serve if elected. Elections will be conducted at the Central Texas RW Annual Meeting on November 09, 2026. Congratulations to the 2027 Slate of Executive Officers.

President: Janet Brown
1st VP Programs: Heather Bounds
2nd VP Membership: Marlean Druce
3rd VP Fundraising: Rebecca Tong
Secretary: Christina Demirs
Treasurer/PAC: Wanita Reeder



JOIN the 2027 Dream Team - To grow as a leader? The Club needs your gifts & talents.

Serving on the Central Texas RW Executive Team, whether as an Elected Officer or an appointed Chair member, is one of the most rewarding leadership journeys. If your immediate response is "yes," please know there is a place for you, and we encourage you to read on. Please review the following questions when applying for the CTRW Executive Officer Chair position.

- The President appoints Chair and Committee positions
- **Are you a TEAM Player**, geared towards collaboration, and ready to make a difference?
- What personal experiences qualify you for the position you are considering?
- Are you 100% supportive of the Republican Party and America First ideals?
- How time-committed are you to doing this job?
- Executive Officers and Chairs are expected to attend Board Meetings, Membership Networking Lunch Meetings, and Events. Travel and hotel expenses for training and events conducted through TFRW are at your cost. Will you say “yes” and serve Central Texas Republican Women?

• **Important:** Executive Officers and Chairs are expected to attend Board Meetings, Membership Lunch Network Meetings, and Events. You will pay travel and hotel expenses for training and events.

- Can you do this, and will you answer the call to serve?



Positions on the Communications Team (Newsletter, Social Media, Website), Scholarship, Legislative and Political Activities are open.

Serve as an Executive Committee Chairwoman or as a team member on a Committee.
Please contact CTRW President Janet Brown at contact@ctrw-pac.com

2026 CTRW Dream Team



2026 Central Texas Republican Women Executive Team

CTRW President/TFRW SD24 District Director: Janet Brown

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1st Vice President	Heather Bounds	**Caring For America**	Kathy Ruiz
2nd Vice President	Marlean Druce	**Chaplain**	Rebecca Tong
3rd Vice President	Rebecca Tong	**Corresponding Secretary**	Lynda Jackson
Secretary	Renee Bigham	**Legislative**	LouAnn Minnick
Treasurer/PAC	Wanita Reeder	**Literacy**	Linda Atkins
Parliamentarian/ByLaws	Zenia Warren	**Community Engagement**	Pamela Blair
Political Activities	Christina Demirs	**Communications**	Heather Bounds, Briana Bounds, Janet Brown
Americanism	Natalie Austin	**Past President**	Zenia Warren
Awards	Natalie Austin	**Scholarship Foundation**	Zenia Warren, Kathy Ruiz, Wanita Reeder
TFRW President	Jill Tate	**TFRW 1st VP President**	Bergundi Cain



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